

GRAY ENLARGES ON CHARGE HE'S FRAME-UP VICTIM

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Chau to "get" him. There were two main reasons for this, he said—first, that he would not allow Chang Chau and others to "fix" him and let gambling games operate in which they were interested; secondly, that Chang Chau is the defendant in a case soon to come up in federal court; that he, Gray, is one of the principal witnesses to be used against Chang Chau, and that the Chinese storekeeper wishes to discredit Gray's testimony by just the sort of action the civil service commission took in his case.

Chang Chau, Ah Foon and Ah Fook, the latter two being his employees, were arrested by U. S. Marshal Smiddy last November. They are charged with buying and selling government property, presumably stolen, including oats and barley taken from the cavalry quartermaster's stores at Lihue.

In federal court since then, it is said that the case against Chang Chau and these men was worked up by Gray. Gray arrested the employees and held them prior to the preparation of warrants and the arrival of Smiddy to serve them.

Denies He Protected Games. Gray declares that he can bring many witnesses to prove that at the time the affidavits say he was protecting gamblers he was in fact raiding them and arranging other raids. He also says that he can bring many witnesses, army officers and others, to testify as to his honesty of character. In the hope that some action will be taken looking toward a re-opening of his case, he made the following statement to the Star-Bulletin in the presence of a witness:

"The frame-up to 'get me' was begun by Chang Chau after I arrested two of his men for stealing and selling federal government goods and he was arrested, too, by U. S. Marshal Smiddy on the same charge. Even before that time Chang Chau was after me, I believe, because I was working to block some of the crooked work he was trying to pull off around Wahiawa.

"How He Made Chang Chau Hostile. Last November, complaints reached me that Chang Chau and his men were stealing—or helping to steal—government property, including oats and barley taken from the cavalry quartermaster's stores at Schofield. I laid for them and caught two of his men with a wagon containing oats which they had secured and were going to sell. Well, I drove the wagon, taking the men, too, to the field artillery cantonment and then phoned to Chang Chau to come and get his wagon. He wanted me to let the men out on bail, but I wouldn't do it without authority from the sheriff or Marshal Smiddy. He came to town and saw the sheriff and McDuffie. The next day we brought the men in to turn over to the U. S. marshal and then Marshal Smiddy arrested Chang Chau, too. That case is now about ready to come up in the federal court, and I am convinced that this frame-up was fixed up against me to discredit me as far as possible so that if I am a witness against Chang Chau his lawyers can attack me as being charged with grafting.

"I am certain also that Chang Chau had another reason for framing against me, that being that I was trying to get evidence against this game of Ahina's, the one we finally raided. Was Getting Ready For Raid.

"During the investigation before the civil service commission these Chinese men testified that they started this chieftain game about the 23d of January. It was about the middle of February when I first heard of it. Up to that time they had been mighty quiet. Then various people at Wahiawa began telling me about it and I started working to get my evidence. A Japanese storekeeper, the depot agent and one or two Chinamen were the first people who informed me about the game.

"I had two men principally working to get the evidence, a Filipino and a Japanese. They went to work as runners for the bank, collecting all the evidence they could. I got hold of the Filipino myself out there at Wahiawa. The Japanese came into town and told the detective department about the chieftain game and Kellett told him to report to me and told me to use him. The Japanese kept all his returns to be used as evidence, in his room out there, while the Filipino turned over to me all the evidence that he got.

"To show you how carefully these informers worked, it is a fact that the Filipino bought chieftain tickets from the Japanese and told me about it, and never knew that the Japanese was also working for me.

When Affidavits Came Out. "We were all working on this evidence up to the time of the raid. A few days before the raid—which was on March 30—I was ready to pull it off, but could not get the officers out from town. They couldn't spare them. Kellett wanted Agents to go along and once Agents couldn't. However, I have proof and can bring more proof to show that the raid was fixed up. I have evidence before the affidavits made to the Star-Bulletin. I can show that by making public of these affidavits and getting whatever is to do with the time of the raid.

"Well, we made the raid on March 30 in the afternoon. Kellett and his men coming out from town, and we got in that raid three of the four men whose names were named in those affidavits and also others. When Kellett came out he was very angry about a story about the Star-Bulletin that said that our supply didn't see it until it was too late. Kellett had been made and was very out on the 30th of March. He hadn't brought any of the affidavits and was very angry about it.

TRIES HARIKIRI, THEN SUICIDE IS DONE WITH RAZOR

Japanese Fails in Traditional
Method of Ending Life
But Cuts Throat

Harikiri failed in a Japanese suicide last night. A deep cut across the throat with a keen razor, however, did the work.

Sokichi Tanaka was the suicide. He was a cook, living in a tenement house at the head of Kalakaua avenue on King street and about 35 years old. The boy was found in a yard back of the tenement this morning by a Chinese, Lang Fat, who reported to the police. Tanaka was last seen alive when he went to bed at about 10 o'clock last night. The police think the suicide took place about midnight.

Japanese friends have taken charge of the body for burial. Relatives of the deceased are a 13-year-old son and a 6-year-old wife.

Tanaka left a note giving sickness as the cause. Four slashes across the abdomen indicate that he tried harikiri first, found it too painful, according to Police Surgeon R. G. Ayer, and then took the quicker means, which brought his end.

An inquest was held at 12:30 this afternoon. The foregoing facts were disclosed.

Harikiri is the traditionally honorable method of Japanese suicide, the method used by the samurai of old, and still invoked on special occasions.

happas a newspaperman had told him about it.

"What I read in the paper that afternoon was absolutely the first I knew of the affidavits.

"But it wasn't the first intimation I had that Chang Chau was going to 'get me.' Various Chinese around Wahiawa had told me that he had said he was going to fix me. Answers Each Affidavit.

"Now as to the men who made these affidavits:

"I never saw Ah Tong before in my life, to the best of my knowledge. I am told that he was given \$100 to testify against me. The Chinese out there, furthermore, say that he never ran a game at Caster, as his affidavit swears he did, but that he did run a game at Chang Chau's place in Lihue. His statement that he was introduced to me by C. Akana, the Chinese tailor at Caster, and that he arranged to pay and did pay me \$5 per week to let him game alone and keep him posted about raids from Wahiawa, is absolutely false.

"As for Ahina and Ung Ching or Ung Chong, who say in their affidavits that they paid me \$5 a week to let their chieftain game along at Wahiawa, I have seen them before—yes. Last October I arrested them for running a chieftain game. They asked me to let them out on bail and I refused to do so. I telephoned to Capt. of Detectives McDuffie and he said not to let them get out on bail. He wanted to stick them and break up their game. They were convicted and their case is now pending in circuit court on appeal.

"The fourth man who made affidavit is Yuen Yick. Away back in Jarrett's time this Chinaman was an informer, but he never did any real work at it that I saw. He was around Wahiawa a couple of times and finally came out there as a runner for Ahina's chieftain bank, and worked for that bank from about February 1 up to the time he was arrested by us.

"From none of these men did I ever take a cent. I was told by various Chinese that I could make some easy money that way but I am not in that kind of business. And when the Chinese found they couldn't fix me I was told that they would 'get me' sooner or later.

How Affidavits Were Made. "From what I can learn of the inside of this affidavit making, Chang Chau came down to see City Attorney Brown and said that he had the dope on me for taking bribe-money. He made several statements of this kind, I understand, and Brown told him to bring some witnesses and swear to complaints. This was about March 20 and the affidavits were made public on March 30. It was not until after that that I heard about Chang Chau's having made these statements to Mr. Brown and he also made them to Sheriff Rose. The sheriff did not tell me about this until after the affidavits were given out, though he knew for some time before they were made public that they were being fixed up.

"Ung Chong, Ahina and their bunch have been pulling off crooked stuff around Wahiawa whenever they could and I have been right after them. The records will show how much they have been arrested for various violations of the law—I caught them and they were convicted and fined last October and November and December for running paku and fan-tan games, having opium in possession, etc.

Several witnesses whom I could have got to testify that I was not on the trail of these fellows at the very time they were fixing the frame-up, did not attend the hearing. I have evidence before the affidavits made to the Star-Bulletin. I can show that by making public of these affidavits and getting whatever is to do with the time of the raid.

BRITISH CLUB OR CONSUL HERE NOT MIXED IN 'PLOT'

Both Exonerated By Vaughan
From Participation in Any
"Recruiting Scheme"

Exoneration from alleged participation in any so-called "war plot" in Honolulu has been given the British Association and E. L. S. Gordon, local British consul, by U. S. District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan.

District Attorney Vaughan today frankly stated that, in his opinion, any reports to the effect that recruiting for the British army is being carried on openly in the streets of Honolulu are untrue.

"I have no evidence whatever, nor do I know of any evidence, that anyone was in league with or was giving assistance of any kind to Guy B. Randall," Mr. Vaughan declares.

He further declares that he does not believe Randall is of unsound mind. He says that "anyone" in his foregoing statement is meant to include both the British Association and the British consul.

"As far as any volunteering for the British army is concerned, I know of only one case in point, and that is the case of young Jack Gordon," says Mr. Vaughan. "As far as that is concerned, anyone who wants to may volunteer, no matter which side he favors, and not violate the law."

Randall was around town this morning and said: "I may work my way on one of the Canadian steamers so that I can get to Canada or Australia and enlist in the British army."

LITTLE EXCEPT ROUTINE WORK DONE BY BOARD

With three of the most active members of the board at the Rapid Transit hearing, the supervisors last night postponed consideration on the few important matters that were to have come before the meeting and devoted their attention to routine.

Report of George M. Collins on Kalakaua avenue improvements was not submitted to the board on account of the absence of Supervisor Charles N. Arnold, chairman of the road committee. But it was ready, and a glance at it revealed that under the scheme he recommends, eliminating the parking, curbing the car tracks and substituting concrete for bitulithic paving, the cost per front foot to the property owners will be reduced from \$5.48, as at present planned, to \$3.45.

Amendments to the purchasing agent ordinance, which were to have been presented last night, were postponed. Various other measures that members of the board had on their desks were similarly withheld.

Ask Aylett's Removal. A petition with 107 signers alleging R. W. Aylett, garbage inspector, to be incompetent and asking that he be removed was referred to the health committee. Most of the signers were Hawaiians from the sixth precinct of the fourth district. It was said during the meeting last night that two men who have been discharged by Aylett for incompetency circulated the petition.

Contractors Withdraw bid. The Lord-Young Engineering Company asked that its bid on the Manoa improvement project be withdrawn, declaring that the price of all materials, cement, asphalt, lumber, cast iron, etc., has advanced considerably since the time bids were called for and manufacturers' agents have canceled the prices they used at the time of submitting their bid. This request also was referred to the road committee.

TRAINING SHIP MEN TO VISIT AT SCHOFIELD

Twenty-five officers and men of the Argentine training ship Presidente Sarmiento will be taken to Schofield Barracks on Friday morning as guests of local army officials at a grand parade of troops to be held at 10 o'clock on the parade grounds.

Word received by the Star-Bulletin today from Schofield Barracks states that big preparations are being made at that post for the review, which will take in all the infantry, cavalry and artillery stationed there—a total of approximately 6000 men. The review will be in charge of Brig-gen. Frederick S. Strong, commanding the 1st Hawaiian Brigade.

Last night at Fort Shafter the officers of the training ship were entertained at a May pole dance as the guests of Miss Harter and Miss Lenihan of that post.

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VAUGHAN'S RIGHT TO SIT IN COURT CASE QUESTIONED

Attorney Davis Declares He is
Already Judge and Cannot
Act as Prosecutor

Horace W. Vaughan has received his commission as judge of the local U. S. court. But whether he is now judge or just district attorney, since he has not yet been sworn in as jurist, is a question which is bothering quite a number of attorneys.

The first objection to Mr. Vaughan's assisting in the prosecution of a case as district attorney since his appointment came today. It was propounded by Atty. George A. Davis after Mr. Vaughan had entered the federal court room and taken a seat by Assistant District Attorney S. B. Kemp, who was prosecuting the Oscar Nordman opium case.

Attorney Davis strenuously objected to Mr. Vaughan's "sitting in" on the case with his associates. He declared it was "improper."

Judge C. F. Clemons declared he did not want to hear any argument on the point.

Mr. Vaughan arose to state that he thought the jury was too sensible to be influenced by his presence.

"I'm not a judge; I'm the U. S. district attorney," he said.

"But your commission is here," argued Davis.

Judge Clemons was of the opinion that Mr. Kemp doubtless would be authorized to bring the president of the United States into court to sit next to him.

Attorney Davis declared that Mr. Vaughan was suggesting questions to be asked the witnesses by Mr. Kemp.

Judge Clemons said he did not think that was the situation and declared the matter closed.

"To which ruling I most respectfully make an exception and assign the same as error," concluded Attorney Davis.

Thus the incident ended.

EVANGELIST ON TURKS AND WAR

"Is the End of the Turk the End of the World?" This was the subject of the lecture delivered by Evangelist McCord last night in the "Peace Palace." "One of the most interesting lectures of the series," was the unanimous expression of the people who heard this vital lecture, as it answered a long-standing question in their minds. The evangelist said in part: "Turkey is responsible for bringing the religious element into the present war, making it a holy war. Each of the nations engaged in this conflict are invoking the aid of the Deity, thus bringing God into the war."

The subject for tonight will be: "Our Angel Friends." Who are they, and does the Bible tell us how to understand this interesting mystery?

COLLINS MAKING BIG 'CLEAN-UP' IN ROAD BUREAU

City Engineer Under Retrenchment Plan is Eliminating Many Employees

Charles Clark, who has been connected with the city government virtually ever since there was such a government, is going. So is Andrew Bright and P. Oliveira, and Ulysses S. Jones. Everett Richardson has already gone. Soon there will be none left of the old guard of the road department. "Lou" Whitehouse, Sam Kellinot and Carl Widemann are all through. Widemann was the only man out of the crowd who resigned. He is still at work but plans to leave for Alaska on the Larline next week.

News of the big clean-up first leaked out at the supervisors' meeting last night. George M. Collins, city engineer, first told of the appointment of Guy H. Tuttle to succeed H. H. Kennedy, statistician, and A. B. Angus to succeed Carl Widemann as chief clerk. Then, discussing retrenchment in the road department, he told of Richardson's discharge by Fred Meyer, the Waianae road overseer, and declared that his place would not be filled. Richardson was a road luna.

News of the dismissal of Bright and Oliveira came next. This was declared a retrenchment measure, but inasmuch as Bright and Oliveira both have been talking loudly about the faults of the administration, it might be possible that it is well-directed retrenchment.

Clark will also be through at the end of the month, Collins said. Jones has not yet been notified that his connection with the department is ended but there has been so little money to spend for his district on the windward side of the island that for months he has gone under the name of "Useless" Jones in the road department.

Tuttle has been for a long time with the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association as cashier and is regarded as a very capable man, while Angus was until recently with the Honolulu Iron Works, and both are well known in business circles.

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